VZCZCXYZ0012 PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHCP #0859 1671302
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
P 161302Z JUN 06
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2499
INFO RUEHXP/ALL NATO POST COLLECTIVE PRIORITY
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 1468
RUEKJCS/JOINT STAFF WASHDC PRIORITY
RUEKJCS/SECDEF WASHINGTON DC PRIORITY

UNCLAS COPENHAGEN 000859

SIPDIS

SENSITIVE SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: NATO MARR PREL AF DA

SUBJECT: DENMARK TILTS TOWARD DUTCH CANDIDATE FOR NATO SCR

IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: STATE 097529

11. (SBU) Embassy conveyed reftel points in support of Ambassador Litt's candidacy to MFA Deputy Director for International Security Michael Lund Jeppesen and MFA NATO Section Chief Maria Egense. Egense responded June 15 by stressing that Denmark believes both Amb. Litt and the Dutch candidate Ambassador Everts are well qualified to fill the role of Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan (SCR).

12. (SBU) Egense added that Denmark does not intend to lobby for either candidate, but if asked for a preference by the NATO SecGen, will lean toward the Dutch candidate. Egense cited the geographical proximity of Denmark's deployment to the Dutch deployment in ISAF III expansion as a key factor behind the Danish position. CAIN